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1. ABOUT 20 DEMONSTRATORS REPRESENTING THE MINISCULE
INDIAN SOCIALIST PARTY PRESENTED TO THE EMBASSY ON APRIL 26
A PETITION "DISAPPROVING" THE US ATTITUDE TOWARDS SUPPLY
OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO INDIA AND URGING THE US TO HONOR ITS
COMMITMENT TO INDIA.

2. ON A LESS SENSATIONAL LEVEL, SEVERAL DAILIES PRINTED
APRIL 27 AN ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT THAT THE STATE
DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED PRESIDENT CARTER TO OVERRULE THE NRC
AND AUTHORIZE SHIPMENT OF 7.6 TONS OF ENRICHEE URANIUM
TO INDIA. UNIDENTIFIED STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES ARE SAID
TO EXPECT A PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON THE DEPARTMENT'S
RECOMMENDATION WITHIN A WEEK.

3. THE "TIMES OF INDIA'S" VERSION OF THE AP STORY
CAME FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, M.V. KAMATH.
ACCORDING TO KAMATH, STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID
THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROMISE TO SHIP THE 7.6 TONS
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OF FUEL TO TARAPUR WOULD BE KEPT AND THAT THE SHIPMENT
WOULD TAKE PLACE NO LATER THAN THE END OF JUNE.
UNSPECIFIED "OFFICIAL SOURCES" TOLD KAMATH THEY DID
NOT EXPECT CONGRESS TO OPPOSE THE SHIPMENT. AFTER
COMPLAINING (TYPICALLY) THAT "THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF

DECLINED TO MAKE HIS VIEWS KNOWN BY REFUSING TO

RECOGNIZE INDIAN CORRESPONDENTS AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE,"

KAMATH AGAIN CITED UNNAMED US OFFICIALS WHO SAID THAT
THE "NUCLEAR ISSUE WAS A MINOR ONE AND THAT THEY WERE
MORE CONCERNED WITH HAVING GOOD RELATIONS WITH INDIA."

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